

A MAN'S best Christmas gift to his town is the purchase of gifts within the town.

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WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warm on tonight.

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100,000 BRITISH TROOPS TAKEN FROM GALLIOLI

Withdrawal May Mean End of Dardanelles Campaign.

Men Have Gone to New Sphere, Says Announcement.

TO HOLD TOE OF PENINSULA

Forces Are to Remain in the Seddul-Bahr Region.

Only Those From Syria and Anzac Withdrawn.

London, Dec. 20.—The British troops at the Syria and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn.

The following official statement was issued here today:

"All the troops at Syria and Anzac, together with guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations."

"Thank God they are safely out of their without serious loss," is an expression frequently heard today in connection with the transfer of the troops from the Syria and Anzac zone, although this is invariably coupled with regrets that it should have been regarded as necessary to evacuate the hard won footholds on the peninsula, obtained at such a heavy cost in casualties.

The role of the Gallipoli peninsula in the war office statement leaves the public to draw its own conclusions as to the destination of these Australian and United Kingdom forces, which must be held over 100,000 strong, but it is widely conjectured that any southward sweep of the Teutonic or Bulgarian armies in the Balkans, whether from the north, west or east, will sooner or later come in contact with them and the transfer is connected with a determination to remain on the defensive in the near eastern theater of war long enough to require to assure the success of a forward march.

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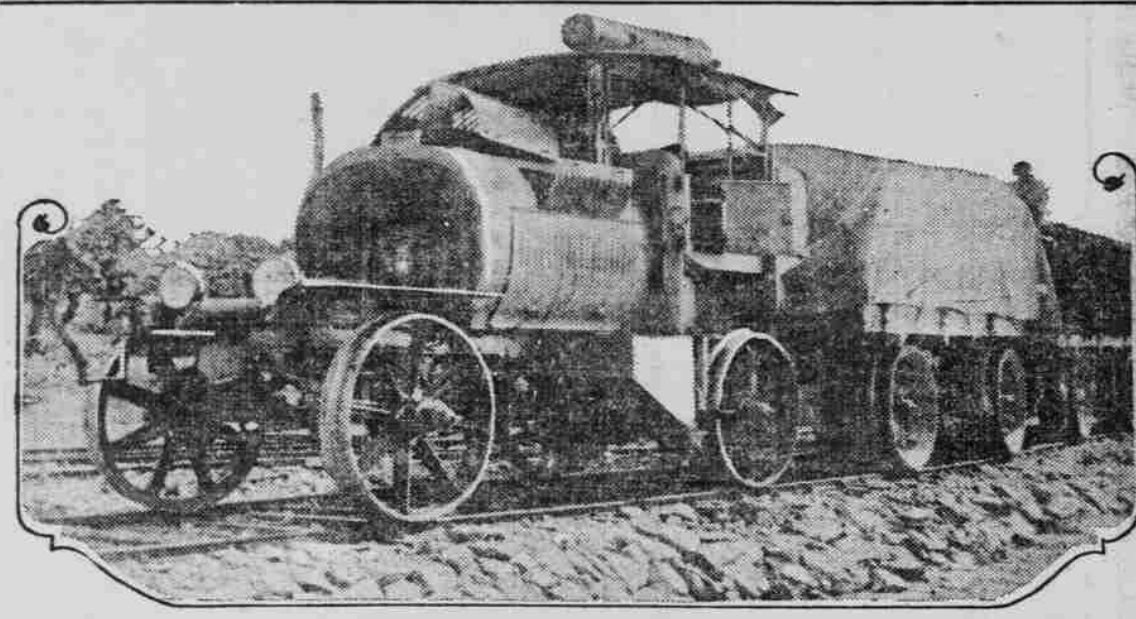
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AUSTRIAN TRAIN RUNS ON ROUGH ROADS AFTER LEAVING TRACKS



This train is the work of an Austrian inventive genius. The locomotive is a benzine eater generating its propelling power by the use of benzine. The real novelty in the equipment which is being used against the Italians in the Carso district is in the fact that both locomotive and trucks are equipped with a hybrid set of wheels which when they come to the end of the railroad line can still be used on any road regardless of its roughness. The wheels at of the broad type with a groove in the center of the rim. The groove fits over the tracks when it is desired to use the railroad.

PUT UP TO VIENNA DOWN OUR FLAG! FORD PARTY FAILS

Lansing Writes U. S. Last Word Bulgarian Troops Seize the Leaders Begin to Doubt Success of Peace Cruise.

In Ancona Case. American Red Cross. Lindsey Advises Magnate to Find Homes for Orphans.

Demands in Previous Note on Americans Then Taken Into Custody at Monastir.

FIRM, BUT STING IS PULLED CHICAGO WOMAN IS ABUSED COOL RECEPTION IN NORWAY

Secretary Not So Sharp, in Effort to Keep Peace. With Sword. Lack of Warmth Among Neutrals Presages Fiasco.

Rejoinder Based Squarely on Austria's Story of Sinking. Former Deputy Sheriff of Kansas Floats Old Glory. Attempt to Oust Newspaper Men Is Unsuccessful.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the second American note to Austria on the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona went forward yesterday, and should reach Vienna tomorrow night. The note is understood to be a virtual reiteration of the original American demands, with the implication that it is the United States' last word on the subject. The text of the note will be issued for publication in newspapers Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Lansing said.

The note is about 600 words long and although characterized by those acquainted with its wording as firm in tone, is said to be less sharp than the first note.

It is based squarely, according to those officials, on the Austrian admiral's own version of the Ancona sinking, and while reference is made to American victims and survivors the reference is said to be more incidental than direct.

Twelve Americans known to have been aboard the Ancona when she was torpedoed were received today by the state department from Ambassador Pavesi at Rome. The cablegram reads as follows:

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FIGHT TOPEKA LOAN SHARKS

Topeka Money Leaches Will Be Run Out of Trade.

Attorney General's Force Sweeps Down on Them.

CORPORATIONS ARE BEHIND IT

Railways Declare They Will Protect Their Employees.

Save Unfair Interest for Christmas Joy to the Kiddies.

No "Merry Christmas" signs and mistletoe sprigs will decorate the offices of Topeka's 10 per cent a month money leaches.

This afternoon W. P. Montgomery, assistant attorney general, is planning a charge on the loan sharks and crepe may become more appropriate for the 10 per cent centers than holly and mistletoe and pink ribbons.

Investigation of a number of the cases is now under way. Suits are to be filed where the loan sharks refuse to disgorge. Names of individuals and firms charged with violation of the state interest rate law will be made public with the filing of the suits.

Loan Leaches, He Says. "There is but one word that fits these money leaches," said Montgomery today, following investigation of one of the new cases of usury that came before the attorney general's office.

"The practice has become so general in Topeka that hundreds of men and women are victims of money leaches," he said.

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LANDIS THE MAN

Baseball Peace Hinges on Federal Judge's Attitude.

Weeghman Says Joe Tinker Will Manage the Cubs.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Both Keene Addington, counsel for the Federal league in its anti-trust suit against organized baseball, and George W. Weeghman, counsel for the National league, reported at their offices out of town today, the former not being expected back until tomorrow, hence it was considered unlikely that action involving the withdrawal of the suit would be taken at night.

Mr. Addington was said to be in New York. Only the three members of the national commission and the executive committee consisting of President Chivington of the American association, President Barrow, of the National league, and Secretary Farrell, of the National association, will represent organized baseball at the peace meeting in Cincinnati.

Others, however, may attend. Assurances that the final details of the meeting would be arranged at the meeting were reiterated by President Johnson and others today.

Weeghman Says Peace. Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, arriving here today from New York, declared a settlement of baseball difficulties was in sight.

"Everything is set between organized baseball and the Federal league," said Mr. Weeghman, "looking toward a peace agreement. If we do not come together now we never will. The end of the baseball war is in sight."

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"AUTOWAS THERE -- IT WAS EMPTY"

Story of a Deserted Motor in Dr. Ernest Divorce Suit.

Stood Beside Road, 'Twas Pointed Out Before Court.

ONE WHIRL OF SENSATION

Pretty Trained Nurse To Be Implicated in Testimony.

Husband Says Wife Threatened to Shoot Him.

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Villa Given Asylum in United States

Washington, Dec. 20.—State department officials have decided that General Villa will receive the asylum accorded a political refugee should he enter the United States.

This decision was sent last night to General Fustion by the war department for transmission to Villa or his representatives.

Villa at Peace. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—An agreement was reached and papers were being signed at noon today whereby the Villa faction in northern Mexico concludes peace terms with the defacto government of Mexico.

The conference was held between Mexican Consul Garcia and former lieutenants of Villa at the consulate in El Paso.

General Francisco Villa is reported in Juarez. The signing of the peace agreement eliminates him from Mexican affairs.

A. A. HURD IS DEAD

Connected With Santa Fe Railroad Department 40 Years.

Has Held Position of Special Counsel Since 1905.

A. A. Hurd, special counsel for the Santa Fe railway and one of the most prominent attorneys of Kansas, died at his home, 1134 Tyler street, early this morning.

He had been suffering from bronchitis.

Mr. Hurd was born at Lafayette, Ill., September 27, 1849, the son of John and Catherine Driscoll.

He attended Northwestern university and Iowa State university. He removed from Illinois to Abilene, Kan., later residing at Newton and Great Bend.

He was the first mayor of Great Bend. He was admitted to the bar in 1870 at Junction City and was in general practice until 1875.

Forty years ago, in 1875, Mr. Hurd entered the service of the Santa Fe railway, where he remained until the day of his death. He was assistant attorney, 1875-1881, and in the latter year was made solicitor for Kansas, holding that position until 1905 when he was succeeded by Judge W. R. Smith.

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TEUTON ATTACK ON SALONIKI IS BEING AWAITED

Greek Military Authorities Think New Smash Certain.

Surrounding Villages Ordered Evacuated by the Allies.

HEAVY GERMAN ARTILLERY

Kaiser Has 120,000 Troops Ready to Begin Siege.

Turks Are to Replace Weakened Bulgarian Army.

Saloniki, Dec. 20.—The highest Greek military authorities declare to be their belief that an Austro-German attack on Saloniki is inevitable.

The Greek general staff will quit Saloniki tomorrow. The last remaining Greek troops, save one infantry regiment, have been transferred to Kozani.

The entente allies have ordered the evacuation of several villages around Saloniki for military reasons.

The parliamentary elections today passed quietly. Only a few voters were out, making the extraordinary precautions against demonstrations appear needless. The polls were established mostly in churches and soldiers with fixed bayonets were on guard. The newspapers supporting M. Venizelos, the former premier, whose adherents abstained from taking part in the elections, comment briefly on the empty triumph of the government.

German Answer Protest. Paris, Dec. 20.—"It is stated that the German answer to the